

# Section 6

## Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes Involving Teenage Drivers, 2001

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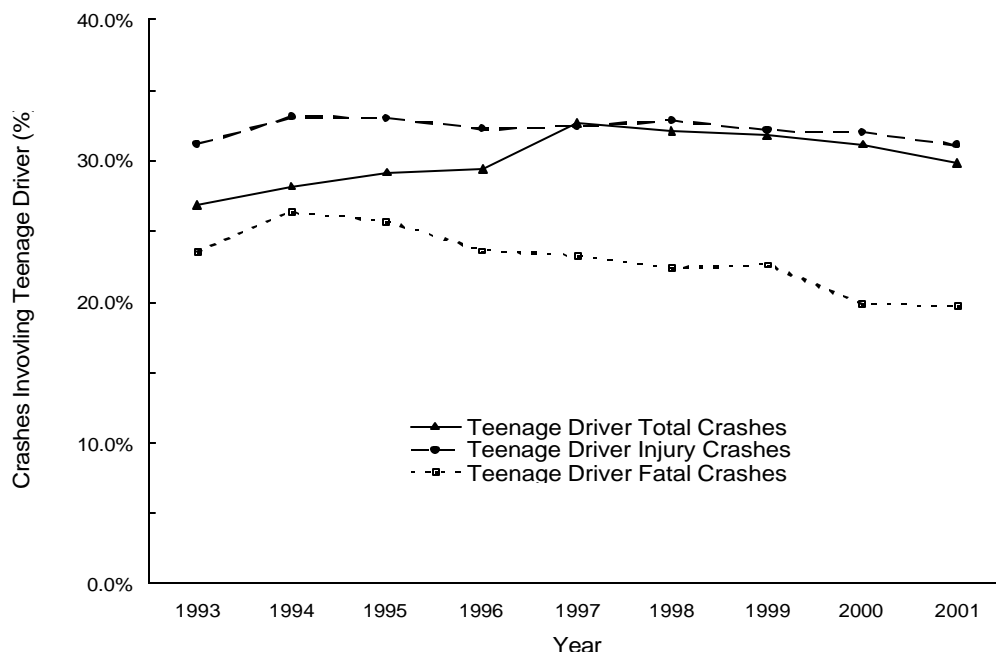
# Teenage Driver Crashes 1993 - 2001

Teenage drivers aged 15 to 19 years are a special concern because of their high crash rates and lack of driving experience. Table 6.01 and Figure 6.01 show that approximately one-third (29.9%) of all crashes involved teenage drivers. The largest percentage of crashes involving teenage drivers occurred in 1997 and has decreased each year since. The largest proportion of injury crashes and fatal crashes occurred in 1994 and has also decreased each year since.

Table 6.01 Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 1993 - 2001

Year	Teenage Driver Total Crashes			Teenage Driver Injury Crashes			Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes		
	All Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers	All Injury Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers	All Fatal Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers
1993	55,704	14,972	26.9%	17,088	5,324	31.2%	259	61	23.6%
1994	59,272	16,688	28.2%	18,726	6,197	33.1%	303	80	26.4%
1995	57,644	16,808	29.2%	19,828	6,542	33.0%	284	73	25.7%
1996	61,505	18,100	29.4%	20,988	6,764	32.2%	292	69	23.6%
1997	54,952	17,941	32.6%	21,131	6,851	32.4%	309	72	23.3%
1998	54,072	17,362	32.1%	19,427	6,377	32.8%	308	69	22.4%
1999	52,802	16,759	31.7%	19,513	6,281	32.2%	318	72	22.6%
2000	53,151	16,578	31.2%	19,564	6,263	32.0%	318	63	19.8%
2001	52,704	15,743	29.9%	19,332	6,006	31.1%	259	51	19.7%

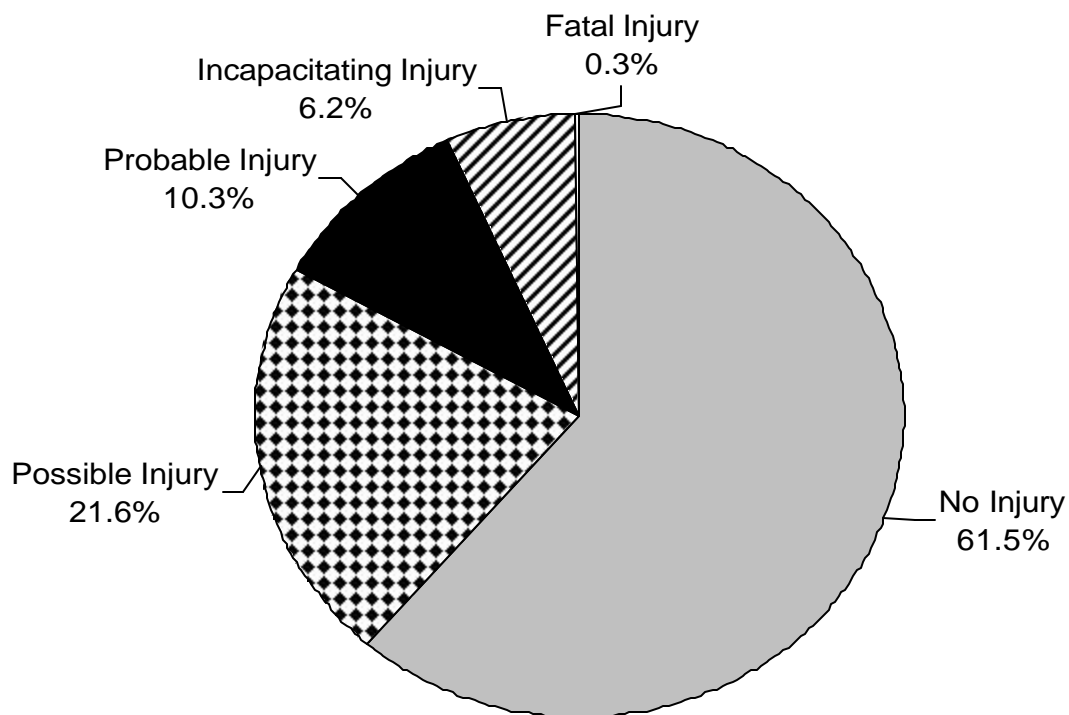
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## Teenage Driver Crash Severity

Figure 6.02 shows the crash severity of teenage driver crashes. Similar to all motor vehicle crashes (Figure 1.03), over one-third (38.5%) of teenage driver crashes resulted in some level of injury. Fatal crashes were lower among teenage driver crashes (0.3%) compared to all motor vehicle crashes (0.5%).

Figure 6.02 Severity of Teenage Driver Crashes as Reported by Police, Utah 2001 (n=15,743)



# Teenage Driver Crashes by County

The number of crashes, the number of teenage driver crashes and the percent of crashes that involved a teenage driver are shown by county in Table 6.02. Washington, Cache, and Davis counties had the highest percentage of crashes that involved a teenage driver. These counties also had the leading percentage of teenage driver injury crashes. Statewide teenage drivers were involved in about one-fifth (19.7%) of all fatal crashes.

Table 6.02 Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes by County, Utah 2001

County	Teenage Driver Total Crashes			Teenage Driver Injury Crashes			Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes		
	All Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers	All Injury Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers	All Fatal Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers
Beaver	288	61	21.2%	99	26	26.3%	5	1	20.0%
Box Elder	1,042	261	25.0%	364	104	28.6%	9	1	11.1%
Cache	2,052	726	35.4%	642	237	36.9%	5	1	20.0%
Carbon	382	110	28.8%	117	43	36.8%	7	3	42.9%
Daggett	36	5	13.9%	9	1	11.1%	1	0	0.0%
Davis	4,541	1,594	35.1%	1,572	584	37.2%	17	6	35.3%
Duchesne	386	76	19.7%	109	35	32.1%	7	1	14.3%
Emery	370	71	19.2%	108	24	22.2%	4	0	0.0%
Garfield	114	23	20.2%	44	9	20.5%	3	0	0.0%
Grand	278	44	15.8%	113	12	10.6%	9	0	0.0%
Iron	880	244	27.7%	284	66	23.2%	6	1	16.7%
Juab	337	64	19.0%	131	31	23.7%	7	0	0.0%
Kane	156	24	15.4%	58	7	12.1%	2	1	50.0%
Millard	406	88	21.7%	142	31	21.8%	5	1	20.0%
Morgan	168	50	29.8%	52	18	34.6%	2	0	0.0%
Piute	41	5	12.2%	13	2	15.4%	0	0	0.0%
Rich	93	26	28.0%	37	13	35.1%	0	0	0.0%
Salt Lake	22,155	6,388	28.8%	8,631	2,574	29.8%	62	14	22.6%
San Juan	292	52	17.8%	69	19	27.5%	8	0	0.0%
Sanpete	440	135	30.7%	131	46	35.1%	1	1	100.0%
Sevier	582	114	19.6%	196	45	23.0%	7	3	42.9%
Summit	919	171	18.6%	233	42	18.0%	12	2	16.7%
Tooele	859	199	23.2%	281	59	21.0%	12	0	0.0%
Uintah	509	156	30.6%	171	63	36.8%	5	3	60.0%
Utah	8,068	2,648	32.8%	3,079	1,027	33.4%	23	5	21.7%
Wasatch	540	133	24.6%	130	35	26.9%	4	2	50.0%
Washington	1,803	651	36.1%	660	257	38.9%	13	0	0.0%
Wayne	80	14	17.5%	16	2	12.5%	1	1	100.0%
Weber	4,887	1,610	32.9%	1,841	594	32.3%	22	4	18.2%
Statewide	52,704	15,743	29.9%	19,332	6,006	31.1%	259	51	19.7%

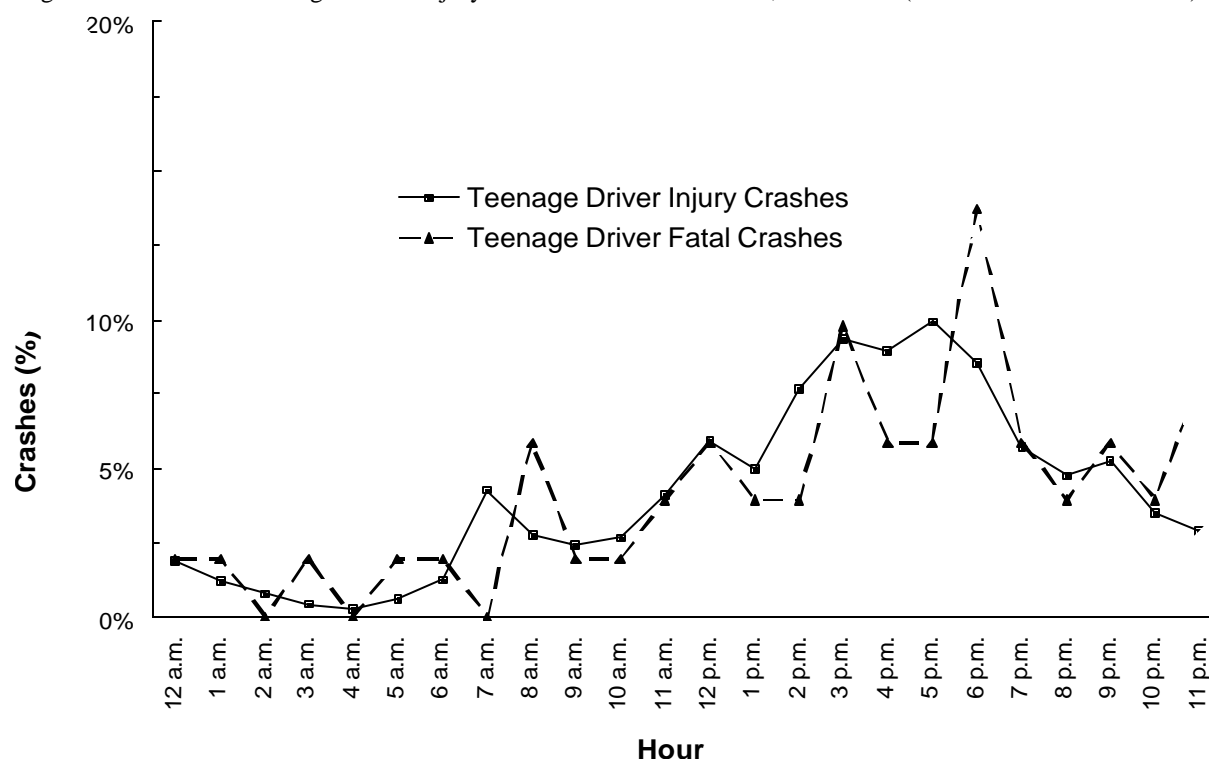
# Teenage Driver Crash Times

Table 6.03 and Figure 6.03 show that total crashes involving teenage drivers and injury crashes involving teenage drivers were highest from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. (after school hours) with slight peaks at 7 a.m. and noon. Fatal teenage driver crashes peaked at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Table 6.03 Hour of Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2001

Hour	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
12 a.m.	275	1.7%	112	1.9%	1	2.0%
1 a.m.	184	1.2%	74	1.2%	1	2.0%
2 a.m.	120	0.8%	47	0.8%	0	0.0%
3 a.m.	69	0.4%	27	0.4%	1	2.0%
4 a.m.	42	0.3%	17	0.3%	0	0.0%
5 a.m.	91	0.6%	37	0.6%	1	2.0%
6 a.m.	205	1.3%	75	1.2%	1	2.0%
7 a.m.	760	4.8%	255	4.2%	0	0.0%
8 a.m.	515	3.3%	165	2.7%	3	5.9%
9 a.m.	394	2.5%	144	2.4%	1	2.0%
10 a.m.	445	2.8%	161	2.7%	1	2.0%
11 a.m.	684	4.3%	247	4.1%	2	3.9%
12 p.m.	890	5.7%	355	5.9%	3	5.9%
1 p.m.	822	5.2%	300	5.0%	2	3.9%
2 p.m.	1,174	7.5%	459	7.6%	2	3.9%
3 p.m.	1,459	9.3%	560	9.3%	5	9.8%
4 p.m.	1,405	8.9%	537	8.9%	3	5.9%
5 p.m.	1,540	9.8%	597	9.9%	3	5.9%
6 p.m.	1,248	7.9%	511	8.5%	7	13.7%
7 p.m.	891	5.7%	344	5.7%	3	5.9%
8 p.m.	707	4.5%	284	4.7%	2	3.9%
9 p.m.	750	4.8%	313	5.2%	3	5.9%
10 p.m.	590	3.7%	210	3.5%	2	3.9%
11 p.m.	483	3.1%	175	2.9%	4	7.8%
Grand Total	15,743	100.0%	6,006	100.0%	51	100.0%

Figure 6.03 Hour of Teenage Driver Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2001 (See Table 6.03 for values )



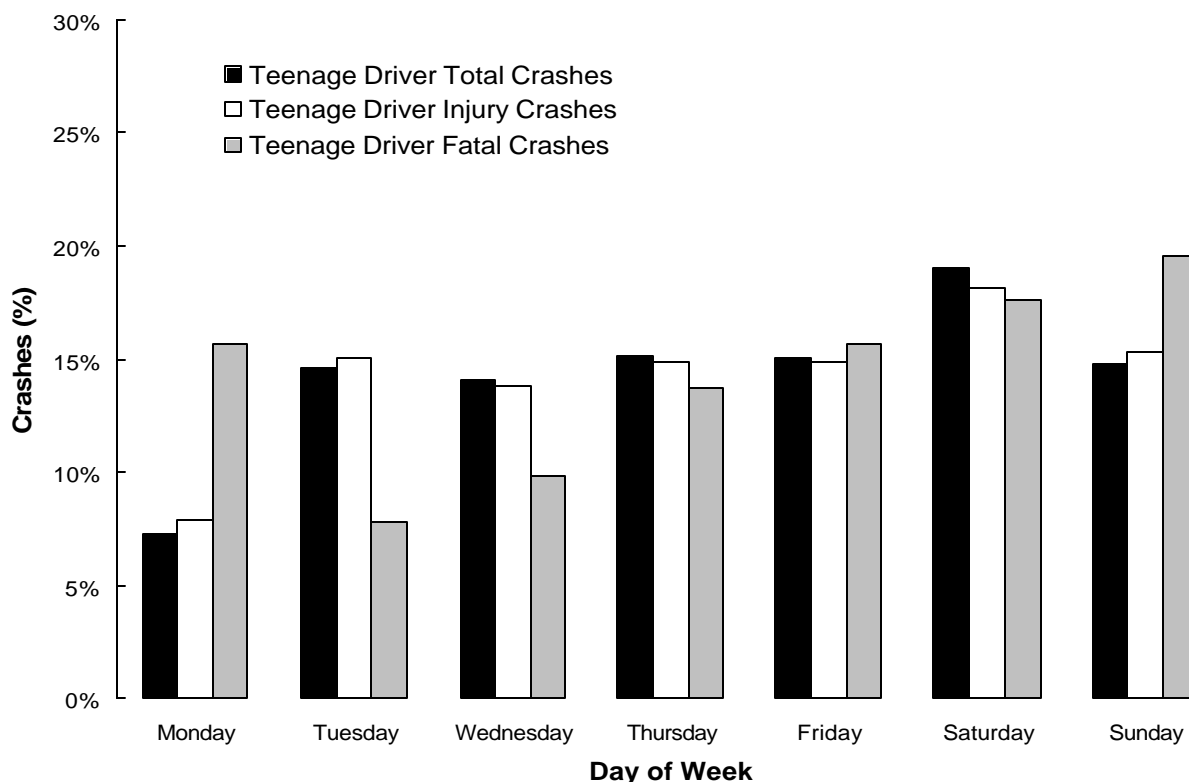
The leading months for total teenage driver crashes were October, November, and December (Table 6.04). October and April had the highest rates of teenage driver injury crashes. The highest rate per day of teenage driver fatal crashes occurred in July and August.

Table 6.04 Month of Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2001

Month	Teenage Driver Total Crashes Rate		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes Rate		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes Rate	
	#	Per Day	#	Per Day	#	Per Day
January	1,281	41.3	451	14.5	5	0.16
February	1,218	43.5	437	15.6	2	0.07
March	1,209	39.0	458	14.8	4	0.13
April	1,273	42.4	518	17.3	3	0.10
May	1,307	42.2	524	16.9	4	0.13
June	1,249	41.6	507	16.9	4	0.13
July	1,247	40.2	527	17.0	9	0.29
August	1,349	43.5	534	17.2	7	0.23
September	1,249	41.6	517	17.2	6	0.20
October	1,394	45.0	562	18.1	1	0.03
November	1,410	47.0	493	16.4	3	0.10
December	1,557	50.2	478	15.4	3	0.10
Grand Total	15,743	43.1	6,006	16.5	51	0.14

The least number of total teenage driver crashes occurred on Monday, and the largest number of total teenage driver crashes occurred on Saturday (Figure 6.04 and Table 6.05). The largest number of injury teenage driver crashes occurred on Saturday and the largest number of fatal teenage driver crashes occurred on Sunday.

Figure 6.04 Day of Week for Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2001



Note: The above graph is based on percentages for the different crash categories. To read the above graph, look at one category across the days of the week. For example, look at only the white bars (i.e. injury crashes) from day to day. Do not compare the heights of the different crash categories for a specific day.

Table 6.05 Day of Week for Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2001

Day of Week	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Monday	1,149	7.3%	472	7.9%	8	15.7%
Tuesday	2,307	14.7%	904	15.1%	4	7.8%
Wednesday	2,219	14.1%	831	13.8%	5	9.8%
Thursday	2,377	15.1%	895	14.9%	7	13.7%
Friday	2,367	15.0%	893	14.9%	8	15.7%
Saturday	3,002	19.1%	1,090	18.1%	9	17.6%
Sunday	2,322	14.7%	921	15.3%	10	19.6%
Grand Total	15,743	100.0%	6,006	100.0%	51	100.0%

# Teenage Driver Crash Violations and Contributing Factors

Almost half (47.7%) of all teenage drivers involved in a crash received a citation for a violation (Table 6.06) which was similar to 52.2% of all drivers involved in a crash. The leading teenage driver citations were "failure to yield right of way," "improper lookout," and "following too close."

Table 6.06 Violations for Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2001

Violation	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Failure to Yield Right of Way	1,652	19.4%	773	22.9%	0	0.0%
Improper Lookout	1,529	18.0%	538	15.9%	0	0.0%
Following Too Close	1,321	15.5%	490	14.5%	0	0.0%
All Other Moving Violations	724	8.5%	262	7.7%	1	100.0%
Speeding	720	8.5%	290	8.6%	0	0.0%
All Other Non-Moving Violations	552	6.5%	198	5.9%	0	0.0%
Negligent Collision	440	5.2%	173	5.1%	0	0.0%
Red Light	341	4.0%	205	6.1%	0	0.0%
Improper Turn	270	3.2%	93	2.8%	0	0.0%
Driving Under the Influence	158	1.9%	85	2.5%	0	0.0%
Improper Lane Change	155	1.8%	35	1.0%	0	0.0%
Stop Sign	152	1.8%	93	2.8%	0	0.0%
Reckless Driving	101	1.2%	46	1.4%	0	0.0%
Improper Backing	98	1.2%	7	0.2%	0	0.0%
Hit and Run	90	1.1%	28	0.8%	0	0.0%
Improper Passing	86	1.0%	19	0.6%	0	0.0%
Wrong Side of Road	77	0.9%	37	1.1%	0	0.0%
Improper Start and Stop	35	0.4%	9	0.3%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	8,501	100.0%	3,381	100.0%	1	100.0%



Table 6.07 contains the contributing factors for teenage driver crashes. These factors were coded by the scene officers for each vehicle involved in the crash. The officer may record no contributing factor or up to two different contributing factors. The leading factors for total crashes and injury crashes that involved teenage drivers were “improper lookout”, “failed to yield right of way”, and “speed too fast”. “Speed too fast” was the leading factors in fatal teenage driver crashes. “Had been drinking”, “under the influence of drugs”, and “DUI” accounted for 1.1% of teenage driver crashes contributing factors, but 6.6% of the teenage driver fatal crashes.

Table 6.07 Contributing Factors of Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2001

Contributing Factor	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Improper Lookout	3,959	18.8%	1,478	18.2%	5	6.7%
Failed to Yield the Right of Way	2,352	11.2%	1,015	12.5%	4	5.3%
Speed Too Fast	2,152	10.2%	820	10.1%	17	22.7%
Following Too Closely	1,991	9.5%	738	9.1%	0	0.0%
Other Improper Driving	1,392	6.6%	552	6.8%	9	12.0%
Improper Turn	507	2.4%	160	2.0%	1	1.3%
Disregarded Traffic Signal	418	2.0%	250	3.1%	1	1.3%
Drove Left of Center	245	1.2%	116	1.4%	9	12.0%
Improper Overtaking	233	1.1%	52	0.6%	2	2.7%
Asleep	199	0.9%	100	1.2%	1	1.3%
Hit and Run	198	0.9%	59	0.7%	1	1.3%
Non-Contact Vehicle Involved	192	0.9%	63	0.8%	2	2.7%
Passed Stop Sign	168	0.8%	99	1.2%	0	0.0%
Improper Backing	165	0.8%	13	0.2%	0	0.0%
Driving Under the Influence	150	0.7%	85	1.0%	1	1.3%
Fatigued	92	0.4%	41	0.5%	1	1.3%
Other Defective Condition	83	0.4%	26	0.3%	0	0.0%
Brakes Defective	76	0.4%	31	0.4%	0	0.0%
Tires Defective	72	0.3%	26	0.3%	0	0.0%
Had Been Drinking	57	0.3%	29	0.4%	3	4.0%
Wrong Side of Road	38	0.2%	14	0.2%	0	0.0%
Windshield Not Clear	37	0.2%	19	0.2%	0	0.0%
Improper Parking	31	0.1%	7	0.1%	0	0.0%
Failed to Signal	25	0.1%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%
Ill	25	0.1%	18	0.2%	0	0.0%
Non-collision Fire	25	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Headlights Insufficient or Out	23	0.1%	9	0.1%	2	2.7%
Under the Influence of Drugs	23	0.1%	9	0.1%	1	1.3%
Steering Mechanism Defective	21	0.1%	9	0.1%	0	0.0%
Stolen	20	0.1%	8	0.1%	0	0.0%
Wrong Way on One Way Street	19	0.1%	8	0.1%	1	1.3%
Cargo Loss or Shift	15	0.1%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%
Vehicle Rolling in Traffic Lane	13	0.1%	4	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Lights or Reflecting/Defective	10	0.0%	4	0.0%	1	1.3%
Eyesight Defective Uncorrected	8	0.0%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%
Headlights Glaring	7	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%
Separation of Units	7	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Down Hill Runaway	5	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
Explosion or Fire	5	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Jackknife	5	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
Collision Fire	4	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.3%
Towed Vehicle	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Immersion	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	21,057	100.0%	8,135	100.0%	75	100.0%

# Teenage Driver Crash Characteristics

Over half of the total teenage driver crashes (60.9%) and injury crashes (68.5%) were a rear-end collision or a broadside collision. For fatal teenage driver crashes, single vehicle rollovers and head-on collisions were the leading collision types. Head-on crashes involving teenage drivers are dangerous; this collision type was over 40 times more likely to result in at least one fatality than other collision types. Single vehicle crashes involving teenage drivers were 7 times more likely to result in at least one fatality than other collision types

Table 6.08 Collision Description of Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2001

Collision Description	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rear End	5,325	33.8%	2,096	34.9%	2	3.9%
Broadside	4,267	27.1%	2,021	33.6%	10	19.6%
Other	3,990	25.3%	901	15.0%	10	19.6%
Side Swipe	1,011	6.4%	230	3.8%	3	5.9%
Single Vehicle Rollover	698	4.4%	469	7.8%	12	23.5%
Pedestrian/Bicyclist Crash	197	1.3%	184	3.1%	3	5.9%
Single Vehicle Fixed Object	133	0.8%	40	0.7%	0	0.0%
Head-on	111	0.7%	60	1.0%	11	21.6%
Single Vehicle Other	11	0.1%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	15,743	100.0%	6,006	100.0%	51	100.0%

# Teenage Driver Characteristics

Slightly more than half (53.8%) of teenage drivers involved in crashes were male. The majority of teenage drivers (92.6%) reported wearing a seatbelt.

Figure 6.05 Gender of Teenage Drivers Involved in Crashes, Utah 2001 (n=17,820)

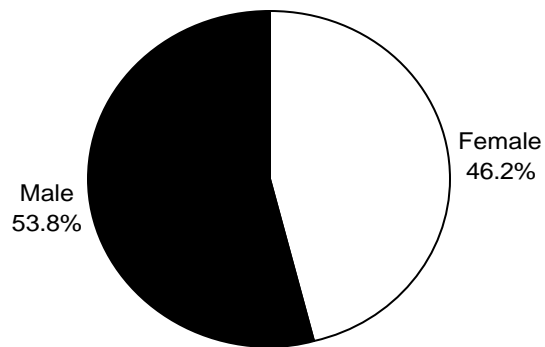
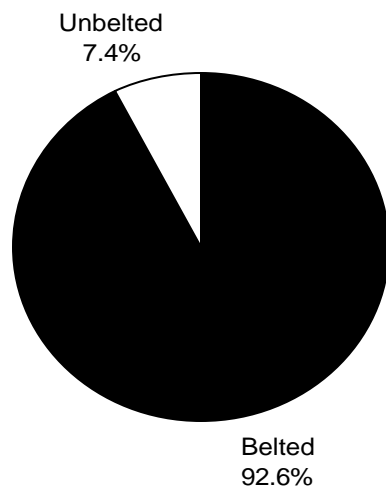


Figure 6.06 Seatbelt Use of Teenage Drivers Involved in Crashes, Utah 2001 (n=16,135)

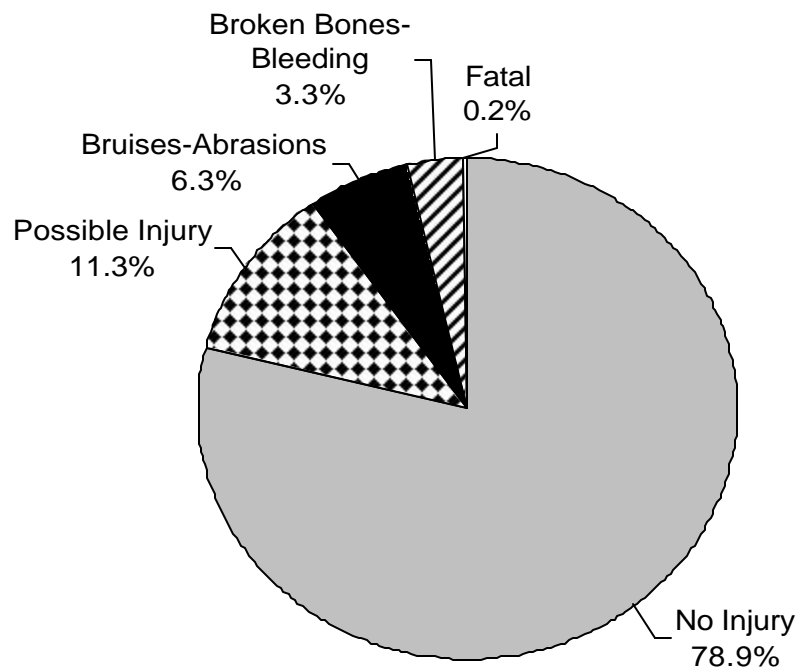


Note: Seatbelt use was not reported for motorcyclist and where usage was unknown (n=1,685).

# Injury Severity of Occupants in Vehicles of Teenage Drivers

Figure 6.07 shows the injury severity of crash participants (including drivers) in a teenage driver's vehicle. The percentage of occupants who sustained an injury was 21.1% ,similar to 21.5% for all motor vehicle crash participants (Figure 2.03). The teenage driver occupants' fatality percentage (0.2%) was the same as the fatality percentage of all motor vehicle crash participants.

Figure 6.07 Injury Severity of Occupants (including drivers) in Vehicles of Teenage Drivers as Reported by Police, Utah 2001 (n=27,722)



# Occupants in Vehicles of Teenage Drivers

Table 6.09 shows the number of occupants (including drivers) in a teenage drivers' vehicle by crash severity. In approximately two-thirds (64.2%) of total teenage driver crashes the driver was the only occupant in the vehicle. Crashes where the teenage driven vehicle contained 4 or more occupants were 3.5 times more likely to be fatal than crashes involving teenage driven vehicles with fewer occupants.

Figure 6.08 Number of Occupants (including drivers) in Teenage Drivers' Vehicle, Utah 2000

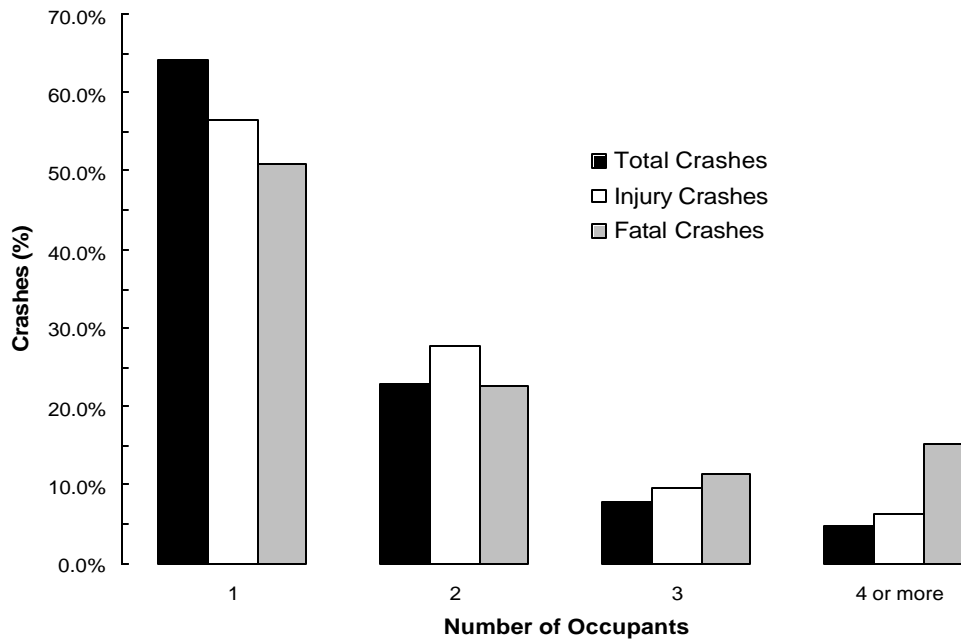


Table 6.09 Number of Occupants (including drivers) in Teenage Drivers' Vehicle, Utah 2001

Number of Occupants	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	11,445	64.2%	3,847	56.6%	27	50.9%
2	4,073	22.9%	1,876	27.6%	12	22.6%
3	1,425	8.0%	652	9.6%	6	11.3%
4 or more	877	4.9%	421	6.2%	8	15.1%
Grand Total	17,820	100.0%	6,796	100.0%	53	100.0%

Note: There may be more than one teenage driver involved in a crash.

The age and gender of crash participants (including drivers) in the teenage drivers' vehicles are shown in Table 6.10. The percentage of males and females involved in each crash severity was similar. Not surprisingly, most occupants in teenage driver crashes were between the ages of 15 to 19 years.

Table 6.10 Age and Gender of Occupants (including drivers) in Vehicles of Teenage Drivers by Injury Severity, Utah 2001

Age	Teenage Driver Crash Participants				Teenage Driver Injured Persons				Teenage Driver Fatalities			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
00 - 04	148	1.0%	162	1.2%	27	1.1%	29	0.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
05 - 09	112	0.8%	108	0.8%	40	1.6%	31	0.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
10 - 14	430	3.0%	519	4.0%	110	4.5%	154	4.6%	2	7.7%	2	9.5%
15 - 19	12,874	88.3%	11,382	87.0%	2,042	82.9%	2,838	85.1%	23	88.5%	15	71.4%
20 - 24	488	3.3%	300	2.3%	121	4.9%	99	3.0%	1	3.8%	1	4.8%
25 - 29	78	0.5%	43	0.3%	25	1.0%	13	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
30 - 34	28	0.2%	33	0.3%	8	0.3%	15	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
35 - 39	28	0.2%	54	0.4%	13	0.5%	17	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	4.8%
40 - 44	40	0.3%	92	0.7%	11	0.4%	40	1.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
45 - 49	45	0.3%	59	0.5%	17	0.7%	20	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
50 - 54	26	0.2%	50	0.4%	12	0.5%	16	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	4.8%
55 - 59	11	0.1%	16	0.1%	4	0.2%	6	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
60 - 64	11	0.1%	9	0.1%	3	0.1%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	4.8%
65 - 69	5	0.0%	5	0.0%	2	0.1%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
70 - 74	1	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
75 - 79	1	0.0%	4	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
80 - 84	1	0.0%	4	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
85 +	1	0.0%	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Missing	247	1.7%	242	1.8%	26	1.1%	47	1.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	14,575	100.0%	13,088	100.0%	2,463	100.0%	3,333	100.0%	26	100.0%	21	100.0%

Note: There were persons involved in teenage driver crashes that did not have age and gender information recorded.

#### Alcohol and Other Drugs:

Of the 51 fatal teenage driver crashes, 5 involved a teenage driver impaired by alcohol or other drugs.

# Graduated Licensing Law

In 1998 a graduated licensing law was enacted in Utah to address the concern of teenage driving and crashes. Graduated licensing regulations are in place for new drivers under the age of 18 years and not previously licensed in another state. First-time teenage drivers who apply for a drivers license in Utah must complete the following three steps to obtain a drivers license.

- ⇒ **Step 1.** Obtain an instruction permit, which allows driving with a certified driving instructor, complete a driver education course and pass a written exam.
- ⇒ **Step 2.** After reaching age 15 years 9 months, obtain a practice permit which requires driving with a parent, guardian, or licensed over-21-year-old spouse and complete 30 hours of behind-the-wheel driving (at least 10 hours after dark).
- ⇒ **Step 3.** Complete a driving test (or tests) and obtain a provisional (under 21 years) "D" (passenger vehicle), or "M" (passenger vehicle plus motorcycle) license. The provisional license shows "under 21" and has a distinctive color, and allows a lower threshold of points / citations before sanctioning compared to regular licenses.

## **Night Time Restrictions**

Anyone under the age of 17 years may not drive from midnight to 5:00 a.m. except: 1) with an over-21-year-old licensed driver; 2) for employment, or going to or from employment; 3) going to or from a religious or a school activity; 4) in a supervised agricultural operation; or 5) in an emergency.

## **Passenger Restrictions**

For the first six months of licensure, teenage drivers can only drive other teens if there is an over-21-year-old driver in the front seat of the vehicle. Teenage drivers can drive themselves or family members without this restriction.

Exceptions: Teenage drivers can drive teenage occupants to or from school, school activities, church activities, or agricultural work if he/she has a signed note from his/her legal guardian.

## **Seatbelt Restrictions**

All occupants under the age of 19 years must be properly restrained in a motor vehicle. This is a primary law which means a person may be stopped by a law enforcement officer solely for that offense. If found in violation of this law, a person may be issued a citation and be subject to a fine of not more than \$45.